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Subject: Is MS so strong that you can't even slap their wrists?

Dear DOJ,

I knew that Ashcroft was an old style Confederate States of America guy.

And I knew he is a gun nut.

And I knew he is a religious zealot.

But I didn't know that he would go soft on law enforcement because the accused party gives large dollars to political campaigns.

I do not see a single thing in the proposed settlement that will prevent MS from pursuing its old habits. Not even a slap on the wrists. Its more like you waved your finger at their nose and begged them not to do that so openly.

A seriously dismayed computer engineer.

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ps. So the courts threw out the "breakup". Big deal. You can still force them to separate their OS and applications into two profit centers. The OS must have free public access to certified APIs to the OS. They must also produce a "no bells and whistles" OS as an alternate. I don't want IE, Outlook, and all the other crap they dump on me when I just want a Windows based OS. And it must be "STABLE" so folks will use it.

You are all weak kneed wimps.

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